

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the House Appropriations Committee has included an earmark to support public transportation services in the northern Berkshire region.

Olver serves on the Transportation Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee and included the funding for the Transportation Assistance for Northern Berkshire (TANB) program.

"There has always been a tremendous need for public transportation services in the northern Berkshire region," Olver said. "This earmark will ensure that the TANB program can continue to provide essential services to the community."

The earmark will fully fund services provided by TANB to continue its work. The organization works with local municipalities to provide transportation services to residents who are unable to drive.

TANB coordinates rides through a local call center in North Adams, known as the Community Transportation Center. The center provides a central point of contact for residents seeking transportation services.

The program began on Aug. 1. As of Sept. 30, it had provided 1,413 rides. Of those, 886 were rides to medical appointments, 312 were rides to work or school, and 215 were rides for other purposes.

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